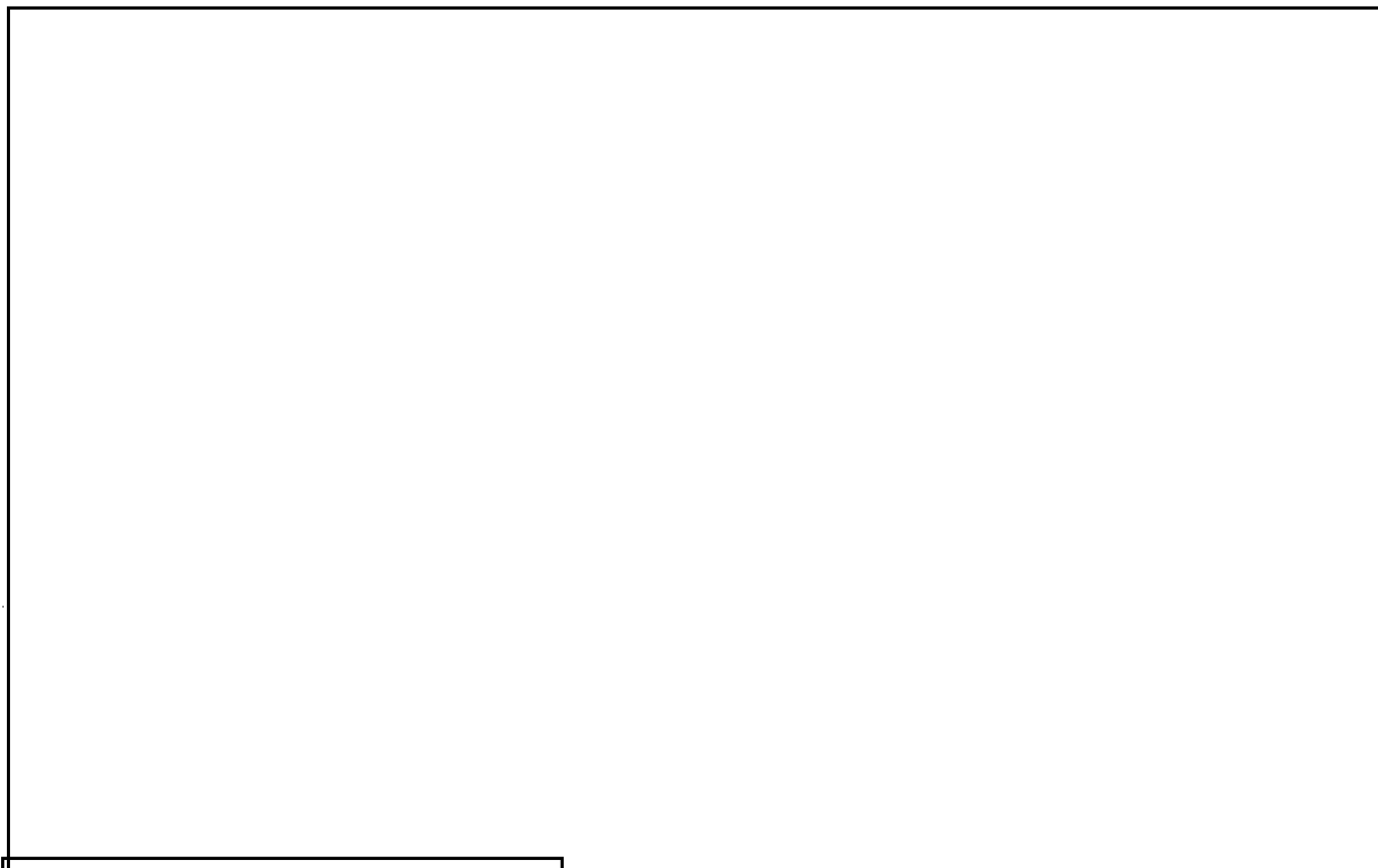


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Talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, about the cost-of-living increase legislation for the Civil Service retirement system which has been acted upon favorably by both House and Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committees. Braswell made the following points:

- a. If we wish to obtain a similar amendment for CIARDS, we will have to go through the formal procedure for requesting such legislation;
- b. It is absolutely impossible to get Senate and House action on this legislation before 1 June;
- c. Although he had not reviewed the specific legislation, it is possible that we could get a bill which would be retroactive;
- d. He would not want anyone to retire from the Agency on the assumption that such legislation will receive favorable consideration.

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